

# **AVG Email Server Edition**

**User Manual** 

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## **1. Introduction**

This user manual provides comprehensive documentation for AVG Email Server Edition.

### Congratulations on your purchase of AVG Email Server Edition!

**AVG Email Server Edition** is one of a range of award winning AVG products designed to provide you with peace of mind and total security for your server. As with all AVG products **AVG Email Server Edition** has been completely re-designed, from the ground up, to deliver AVG's renowned and accredited security protection in a new, more user friendly and efficient way.

AVG has been designed and developed to protect your computing and networking activity. Enjoy the experience of full protection from AVG.

**Note:** This documentation contains description of specific Email Server Edition features. Should you require information about other AVG features, please consult the user guide to Internet Security edition, which contains all the necessary details. You can download the guide from the http://www.avg.com.



## 2. AVG Installation Requirements

### 2.1. Operation Systems Supported

AVG Email Server Edition is intended to protect mail servers running under the following operating systems:

- Windows 2012 Server R2 Edition
- Windows 2012 Server Edition (x86 and x64)
- Windows 2008 Server R2 Edition
- Windows 2008 Server Edition (x86 and x64)
- Windows 2003 Server (x86, x64) SP1

### 2.2. Email Servers Supported

The following mail servers are supported:

- MS Exchange 2003 Server version
- MS Exchange 2007 Server version
- MS Exchange 2010 Server version
- MS Exchange 2013 Server version

### 2.3. Hardware Requirements

Minimum hardware requirements for AVG Email Server Edition are:

- Intel Pentium CPU 1.5 GHz
- 500 MB of free hard drive space (for installation purposes)
- 512 MB of RAM memory

Recommended hardware requirements for AVG Email Server Edition are:

- Intel Pentium CPU 1.8 GHz
- 600 MB of free hard drive space (for installation purposes)
- 512 MB of RAM memory



## 2.4. Uninstall Previous Versions

If you have an older version of AVG Email Server installed, you will need to uninstall it manually before installing **AVG Email Server Edition**. You must manually perform the uninstallation of the previous version, using the standard windows functionality.

- From the start menu *Start/Settings/Control Panel/Add or Remove Programs* select the correct program from the list of installed software (or you can do this maybe even easier via menu *Start/All Programs/AVG/Uninstall AVG*).
- If you have previously used the AVG 8.x or older version, do not forget to uninstall also individual server plug-ins.

Note: It will be necessary to restart the store service during the uninstallation process.

*Exchange plug-in* - run setupes.exe with the /uninstall parameter from the folder where the plug-in was installed.

e.g. C:\AVG4ES2K\setupes.exe /uninstall

*Lotus Domino/Notes plug-in* - run setupln.exe with the /uninstall parameter from folder where the plug-in was installed:

e.g. C:\AVG4LN\setupIn.exe /uninstall

## 2.5. MS Exchange Service Packs

There is no service pack required for MS Exchange 2003 Server; however, it is recommended to keep your system as up to date with the latest service packs and hotfixes as possible in order to obtain maximal available security.

#### Service Pack for MS Exchange 2003 Server (optional):

http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=9664

At the beginning of the setup, all system libraries versions will be examined. If it is necessary to install newer libraries, the installer will rename the old ones with a .delete extension. They will be deleted after the system restart.

Service Pack for MS Exchange 2007 Server (optional):

http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=44c66ad6-f185-4a1d-a9ab-473c1188954c&displaylang=en

#### Service Pack for MS Exchange 2010 Server (optional):

http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=28190



## 3. AVG Installation Process

To install AVG on your computer, you need to get the latest installation file. You can use the installation file from the CD that is a part of your box edition but this file might be out-of-date. Therefore we recommended getting the latest installation file online. You can download the file from the <u>AVG website</u> (at <u>http://</u>www.avg.com/download?prd=msw).

There are two installation packages available for your product - for 32bit operating systems (marked as x86) and for 64bit operating systems (marked as x64). Be sure to use the correct installation package for your specific operating system.

During the installation process you will be asked for your license number. Please make sure you have it available before starting the installation. The number can be found in the CD packaging. If you purchased your copy of AVG on-line, your license number will have been delivered to you via email.

Once you have downloaded and saved the installation file on your hard drive, you can launch the installation process. The installation is a sequence of dialog windows with a brief description of what do at each step. In the following, we offer an explanation for each dialog window:

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AVG.	Welcome to AVG Installer
Please select your language:	
Cancel	Next >

## 3.1. Installation Launch

The installation process always starts with this window. In here you select the language used for the installation process and press the *Next* button.

You will be able to choose also additional languages for the application interface later during the installation process.



## **3.2. License Agreement**

🛃 AVG Installer	× •	
AVG.	Welcome to AVG Installer	
By installing this product you are Processing Notice :	agreeing to the following terms and conditions of the AVG License Agreement and the <u>AVG Fair</u>	
IMPORTANT: READ GOVERNING YOUR TECHNOLOGIES AND PERSONALLY IDENTI INSTALLING THE ACC BEHALF OF YOURSE INSTALLED) CONFIRM BOUND BY THESE TE REFERENCED IN SE	THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY. IT IS A LEGAL CONTRACT USE OF SOFTWARE, CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED BY AVG O AVG TECHNOLOGIES' COLLECTION AND USE OF CERTAIN IFIABLE INFORMATION. BY CLICKING THE " <u>ACCEPT</u> " OPTION OR COMPANYING SOFTWARE PRODUCT (THE " <u>SOFTWARE</u> "), YOU (ON ELF AND THE PARTY ON WHOSE COMPUTER THE SOFTWARE IS IN THAT YOU ARE 13 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AGREE TO BE ERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CTION 4, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AVG TECHNOLOGIES MAY	
Privacy Policy	Printable version	
Decline	< Back Accept	

This dialog allows you to read the license conditions. Use the *Printable version* button to open the license text in a new window. Press the *Accept* button to confirm and continue to the next dialog.

## 3.3. Activate Your License

In the Activate your License dialog you have to fill in your license number.

Enter your license number into the *License Number* text field. The license number will be in the confirmation email that you received after purchasing your AVG on-line. You must type in the number exactly as shown. If the digital form of the license number is available (in the email), it is recommended to use the copy and paste method to insert it.



AVG Installer	
STANG.	Activate Your License
License Number:	Example: IQNP6-9BCA8-PUQU2-A5HCK-GP338L-93OCB
If you purchased your AVG recommend copying and pa If you purchased the softw package. Please ensure yo	software online, your license number have been sent by email. To avoid typing errors, we isting the number from the email to this screen. are in a retail store, you will find the license number on the product registration card included in the u copy the number correctly.
Cancel	< <u>B</u> ack <u>Next</u> >

Press the *Next* button to continue the installation process.

## 3.4. Select Installation Type

AVG Installer	
<b>AVG</b> . Email Server Edition	Select type of installation
Express Install (recommended)     Install all standard features.	
Custom Install Choose which features to install. Recommended for advanced users.	
Cancel	< Back Next >

The Select type of Installation dialog offers the choice of two installation options: Express Install and Custom Install.



For most users, it is highly recommended to keep to the *Express Install* that installs AVG in fully automatic mode with settings predefined by the program vendor. This configuration provides maximum security combined with the optimal use of resources. In the future, if the need arises to change the configuration, you will always have the possibility to do so directly in the AVG application.

*Custom Install* should only be used by experienced users who have a valid reason to install AVG with non-standard settings. E.g. to fit specific system requirements.

Upon selecting the Custom Install, the **Destination folder** section appears in the lower part of the dialog. It allows you to specify the location where AVG should be installed. By default, AVG will be installed to the program files folder located on drive C:. If you want to change this location, use the **Browse** button to display the drive structure, and select the respective folder.

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<b>AVG</b> . Email Server Edition	Custom Options
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	Default
Cancel	< <u>B</u> ack <u>N</u> ext >

## 3.5. Custom Install - Custom Options

The *Component selection* section displays an overview of all AVG components that can be installed. If the default settings do not suit you, you can remove/add specific components.

# However, you can only select from components that are included in your purchased AVG edition. Only those components will be offered to be installed within the Component Selection dialog!

- **Remote Admin** if you intend to connect AVG to an AVG DataCenter (AVG Network Editions), then you need to select this option.
- Additional installed languages you can define which language(s) AVG should be installed in. Check the Additional installed languages item and then select the desired languages from the respective menu.



Basic overview of the individual server components (under the Server branch):

#### Anti-Spam Server for MS Exchange

Checks all incoming email messages and marks unwanted emails as SPAM. It uses several analyzing methods to process each email message, offering maximum possible protection against unwanted email messages.

#### • Email Scanner for MS Exchange (routing Transport Agent)

Checks all incoming, outgoing and internal email messages going through the MS Exchange HUB role.

#### • Email Scanner for MS Exchange (SMTP Transport Agent)

Checks all email messages coming through the MS Exchange SMTP interface (can be installed for both EDGE and HUB roles).

#### • Email Scanner for MS Exchange (VSAPI)

Checks all email messages stored in user mailboxes. If any viruses are detected, they are moved to the Virus Vault, or completely removed.

For Exchange 2003 users only Anti-Spam and Email Scanner (VSAPI) components are available.

Continue by pressing the Next button.



## 3.6. Installation Completion

If you selected the *Remote Administration* module during module selection, then the final screen will allow you to define the connection string for connecting to your AVG DataCenter.

Search State	
<b>Email Server Edition</b>	Congratulations!
Your software has been successfully installed.	
AVG Data Center specification:	
▼ I want to improve my security by participating in AVG Product Improvement P	rogram in accordance with AVG <u>Privacy Policy</u>
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This dialog also allows you to decide whether you want to participate in the Product Improvement Program that collects anonymous information on detected threats in order to increase the overall Internet security level. If you agree with this statement, please keep the *I want to improve my security by participating in AVG Product Improvement Program in accordance with AVG Privacy Policy* option checked *(the option is confirmed, by default)*.

Confirm your choices by clicking the Finish button.

AVG is now installed on your computer and fully functional. The program is running in the background in fully automatic mode.



## 4. After Installation

Immediately after the installation is done, the AVG Email Server Edition main screen appears:

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Computer				
⊘ PROTECTED				
Server	Remote Admin			
⊘ PROTECTED				
🎯 Scan now	≡		O Protection is up	p-to-date
<b>Computer</b> AntiVirus protects your co Computer component is ad	mputer from viruses, spyv ctive.	vare, worms, and trojans.		
huild 3456				Show notification

This manual only deals with the **AVG Email Server Edition** specific features; all other components and settings are being described in the AVG Desktop manual. To access the main server components dialog, click the **Server** button (the one circled in red in the screenshot above). You will see the following screen:

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÷	Server				
	Anti-Spam	EMS (routing)	EMS (SMTP)	EMS (VSAPI)	
	⊘ ACTIVE	⊘ ACTIVE	⊘ ACTIVE	⊘ ACTIVE	
built	<b>Anti-Spam</b> Anti-Spam Server for I Anti-Spam Server for I	MS Exchange filters SPA MS Exchange component	M messages and protec t is active.	ts against phishing attack	KS.
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Please note that all server components will be available (unless you chose <u>not to install</u> some of them during the installation process, of course) only if you are using MS Exchange 2007 or higher. MS Exchange 2003 only supports Anti-Spam and Email Scanner (VSAPI) components.

To individually setup protection for your mail server, follow the appropriate chapter:

- Email Scanners for MS Exchange
- Anti-Spam Server for MS Exchange



## **5. Email Scanners for MS Exchange**

### 5.1. Overview

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Basic overview of the individual Email Scanner server components:

• EMS (routing) - Email Scanner for MS Exchange (routing Transport Agent)

Checks all incoming, outgoing and internal email messages going through the MS Exchange HUB role.

Available for MS Exchange 2007/2010/2013 and can be installed for HUB role only.

EMS (SMTP) - Email Scanner for MS Exchange (SMTP Transport Agent)

Checks all email messages coming through the MS Exchange SMTP interface.

Available for MS Exchange 2007/2010/2013 only and can be installed for both EDGE and HUB roles.

• EMS (VSAPI) - Email Scanner for MS Exchange (VSAPI)

Checks all email messages stored in user mailboxes. If any viruses are detected, they are moved to the Virus Vault, or completely removed.

Click a required component icon to open its interface. All the components share the following common control buttons and links:



- **ENABLED/DISABLED** clicking this button turns the selected component on/off (if the component is on, the button and the text are green, if it's off, they are red).
- Scan Results



Opens a new dialog where you can review scan results:

AVG. Email Server Edition				
⊙ Show last	2 days	0 hours		
O Show selection				
From	11/20/2013	12:23:06 PM		
То	11/21/2013	▼ 12:23:06 PM ÷		
○ Show all				
		Refresh		
	<u> </u>	<u></u> م		
From A To	Subject	Threat name		
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<u> </u>		Close		

Here you can check messages divided into several tabs according to their severity. See configuration of individual components for amending the severity and reporting.

By default there are displayed only results for the last two days. You can change the displayed period by amending the following options:

- o **Show last** insert preferred days and hours.
- Show selection choose a custom time and date interval.
- **Show all** Displays results for the whole time period.

Use Refresh button to reload the results.

• Refresh statistical values - updates stats displayed above.

Clicking the *Settings* working button opens advanced settings for the selected component (you will find more information on individual settings of all components in the chapters below).

## 5.2. Email Scanner for MS Exchange (routing TA)

To open the settings of *Email Scanner for MS Exchange (routing transport agent)*, select the *Settings* button from the interface of the component.

From the Server components list select the Email Scanner for MS Exchange (routing TA) item:



<b>AVG</b> . Email Server Edition	Advanced Settings
Appearance Sounds Temporarily Disable AVG Protection Computer Protection Scans Schedules Update Exceptions Virus Vault AVG Self Protection Privacy Preferences Ignore Error Status Server components Anti-Spam Server for MS Exchange Detection actions Mail Fittering Email Scanner for MS Exchange I Detection actions Mail Fittering Email Scanner for MS Exchange I Email Scanner for MS Exchange I Remote Admin	Basic Settings  Basic Settings  Cenable component Lanquage Default instal language  Certify messages The message does not contain any threats  Scanning Properties Use heuristics Report potentially unwanted applications and spyware threats Report enhanced set of potentially unwanted applications Scan inside archives  Email Attachment Reporting Automatic actions over following reports could be specified under Detection actions subkey. These reports are of the Information severity. Report password-protected archives Report password-protected archives Report password-protected archives Report password-protected documents
⑦ Default	😵 OK Cancel 🛞 Apply

The Basic Settings section contains the following options:

- **Enable component** uncheck to disable the whole component.
- Language select preferred component language.
- **Certify messages** check this if you wish to add a certification note to all scanned messages. You can customize the message in the next field.

The Scanning properties section:

- **Use Heuristics** check this box to enable heuristic analysis method during scanning.
- **Report Potentially Unwanted Applications and Spyware threats** check this option to report the presence of potentially unwanted applications and spyware.
- **Report enhanced set of Potentially Unwanted Applications** check to detect extended package of spyware: applications that are perfectly ok and harmless when acquired from the manufacturer directly, but can be misused for malicious purposes later, or applications that always harmless but might be unwanted (various toolbars etc.). This is an additional measure that increases your computer security and comfort even more, however it can possibly block legal applications, and is therefore switched off by default. Note: This detection feature is additional to the previous option, so if you want protection from the basic types of spyware, always keep the previous box checked.
- Scan inside archives check this option to let the scanner look also inside archived files (zip, rar, etc.).

The *Email attachments reporting* section allows you to choose which items should be reported during scanning. If checked, each email with such an item will contain [INFORMATION] tag in the message subject. This is the default configuration which can be easily amended in the *Detection actions section*, part *Information* (see below).



The following options are available:

- Report password protected archives
- Report password protected documents
- Report files containing macro
- Report hidden extensions

There are also these sub-items available in the following tree structure:

- Detection actions
- Mail filtering

## 5.3. Email Scanner for MS Exchange (SMTP TA)

The configuration for the *Email Scanner for MS Exchange (SMTP Transport Agent)* is exactly the same as in the case of routing transport agent. For more information please see the *Email Scanner for MS Exchange (routing TA)* chapter above.

There are also these sub-items available in the following tree structure:

- Detection actions
- Mail filtering



## 5.4. Email Scanner for MS Exchange (VSAPI)

This item contains settings of the Email Scanner for MS Exchange (VSAPI).

<b>AVG</b> . Email Server Edition	n Advanced Settings	
Appearance Sounds Temporarily Disable AVG Protection © Computer Protection © Scans © Schedules © Update Exceptions Virus Vault AVG Self Protection Privacy Preferences Ignore Error Status © Server components	Basic Settings   Enable component  Language  Default instal language  Scan settings  Background scan  Proactive scan (incoming messages)  Scan RTF Do not scan outgoing messages (MS Exchange 2007/2010)  Number of scanning threads	▲
Email Scanner for MS Exchange  Email Scanner for MS Exchange  Email Scanner for MS Exchange  Detection actions  Mail Filtering  Remote Admin	Scan timeout 180 seconds Scanning Properties Use heuristics Report potentially unwanted applications and spyware threats Report enhanced set of potentially unwanted applications	Ţ

The Basic Settings section contains the following options:

- **Enable component** uncheck to disable the whole component.
- Language select preferred component language.

#### The Scan settings section:

• **Background Scan** - you can enable or disable the background scanning process here. Background scanning is one of the features of the VSAPI 2.0/2.5 application interface. It provides threaded scanning of the Exchange Messaging Databases. Whenever an item that has not been scanned with the latest AVG virus base update is encountered in the users' mailbox folders, it is submitted to AVG for Exchange Server to be scanned. Scanning and searching for the not examined objects runs in parallel.

A specific low priority thread is used for each database, which guarantees other tasks (e.g. email messages storage in the Microsoft Exchange database) are always carried out preferentially.

#### • Proactive Scan (incoming messages)

You can enable or disable the proactive scanning function of VSAPI 2.0/2.5 here. This scanning occurs when an item is delivered to a folder, but a request has not been made by a client.

As soon as messages are submitted to the Exchange store, they enter the global scanning queue as low priority (maximum of 30 items). They are scanned on the first in, first out (FIFO) basis. If an item is accessed while still in the queue, it is changed to high priority.



Overflow messages will continue to the store unscanned.

Even if you disable both *Background Scan* and *Proactive Scan* options, the on access scanner will be still active when an user will try to download a message with the MS Outlook client.

- **Scan RTF** you can specify here, whether the RTF file type should be scanned or not.
- **Do not scan outgoing messages (MS Exchange 2007/2010/2013)** with both VSAPI and Routing Transport Agent (routing TA) server components installed (it doesn't matter if it's on one single server, or two different ones), it may occur that outgoing mail is scanned twice. The first scan is done by VSAPI On-access scanner, while the second one by the Routing Transport Agent. This might cause certain server slowdowns and moderate delays in sending emails. If you're sure that you have both server components installed and active, you can choose to avoid this double outgoing email scanning by checking this box and disabling the VSAPI On-access scanner.
- **Number of Scanning Threads** the scanning process is threaded by default to increase the overall scanning performance by a certain level of parallelism. You can change the threads count here.

The default number of threads is computed as 2 times the 'number\_of\_processors' + 1.

The minimum number of threads is computed as ('number of processors'+1) divided by 2.

The maximum number of threads is computed as 'Number of Processors' multiplied by 5 + 1.

If the value is the minimum or lesser value or the maximum or greater, the default value is used.

• **Scan Timeout** - the maximum continuous interval (in seconds) for one thread to access the message that is being scanned (the default value is 180 seconds).

The Scanning properties section:

- **Use Heuristics** check this box to enable heuristic analysis method during scanning.
- **Report Potentially Unwanted Applications and Spyware threats** check this option to report the presence of potentially unwanted applications and spyware.
- **Report enhanced set of Potentially Unwanted Applications** check to detect extended package of spyware: applications that are perfectly ok and harmless when acquired from the manufacturer directly, but can be misused for malicious purposes later, or applications that always harmless but might be unwanted (various toolbars etc.). This is an additional measure that increases your computer security and comfort even more, however it can possibly block legal applications, and is therefore switched off by default. Note: This detection feature is additional to the previous option, so if you want protection from the basic types of spyware, always keep the previous box checked.
- Scan inside archives check this option to let the scanner look also inside archived files (zip, rar, etc.).

The *Email attachments reporting* section allows you to choose which items should be reported during scanning. The default configuration can be easily amended in the *Detection actions section*, part *Information* (see below).

The following options are available:



- Report password protected archives
- Report password protected documents
- Report files containing macro
- Report hidden extensions

Generally, some of these features are user extensions of the Microsoft VSAPI 2.0/2.5 application interface services. For the detailed information on the VSAPI 2.0/2.5 please refer to the following links (and also the links accessible from the referenced ones):

- <u>http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;328841&Product=exch2k</u> for information on Exchange and antivirus software interaction.
- <u>http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;823166</u> for information on additional VSAPI 2.5 features in Exchange 2003 Server application.

There are also these sub-items available in the following tree structure:

- Detection actions
- Mail filtering

## 5.5. Detection Actions

AVG. Email Server Edition	Advanced Settings		⊐ ×
Appearance Sounds Temporarily Disable AVG Protection Computer Protection Scans Schedules Update Exceptions Virus Vault AVG Self Protection Privacy Preferences Ignore Error Status Server components Anti-Spam Server for MS Exchange I Email Scanner for MS Exchange I	Detection actions (automatic actions) High severity detections Move to Vault Medium severity detections Move to Vault Information severity detections None	•	
Email Scanner for MS Exchange I Detection actions Mail Filtering Remote Admin  Default Default	🚱 ок	Cancel 🚱 Apply	

In the *Detection actions* sub-item you can choose automatic actions that should take place during the scanning process.

The actions are available for the following items:



- *High severity detections* malicious codes that copy and spread themselves, often unnoticed until the damage is done.
- *Medium severity detections* such programs, in general, vary from positively serious to only potential threats to your privacy.
- **Information severity detections** includes all detected potential threats that cannot be classified as any of the above categories.

Use the roll-down menu to choose an action for each item:

- **None** no action will be taken.
- Move to Vault the given threat will be moved to Virus Vault.
- **Remove** the given threat will be removed.

To select a custom subject text for messages that contain the given item/threat, check the *Mark subject with...* box and fill-in a preferred value.

The last mentioned feature is not available for Email Scanner for MS Exchange VSAPI.

### 5.6. Mail Filtering

AVG. Email Server Edition	Advanced Settings
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⑦ Default	😵 OK Cancel 🚱 Apply

In the *Mail Filtering* sub-item you can choose which attachments should be automatically removed, if any. The following options are available:

• **Remove attachments** - check this box to enable the feature.



- **Remove all executable files** removes all executables.
- **Remove all documents** removes all document files.
- **Remove files with these comma separated extensions** fill the box with file extensions you wish to automatically remove. Separate the extensions with comma.
- **Move filtered attachments into virus vault** check if you don't want the filtered attachments to be removed completely. With this box checked, all attachments chosen in this dialog will be automatically moved into the Virus Vault quarantine environment. It is a safe place to store potentially malicious files you can view and examine them without endangering your system. The Virus Vault can be accessed from the upper menu of your **AVG Email Server Edition** main interface. Simply left-click the **Options** item a choose **Virus Vault** item from the drop-down menu.



## 6. Anti-Spam Server for MS Exchange

## 6.1. Anti-Spam Principles

Spam refers to unsolicited email, mostly advertising a product or service that is mass mailed to a huge number of email addresses at a time, filling recipients' mail boxes. Spam does not refer to legitimate commercial email for which consumers have given their consent. Spam is not only annoying, but also can often be a source of scams, viruses or offensive content.

Anti-Spam checks all incoming email messages and marks unwanted emails as SPAM. It uses several analyzing methods to process each email message, offering maximum possible protection against unwanted email messages.

## 6.2. Anti-Spam Interface



This dialog contains a brief information about the functionality of the server component, information on its current status (*Enabled/Disabled*), and some statistics.

Available buttons and links:

- **ENABLED/DISABLED** clicking this button turns the selected component on/off (if the component is on, the button and the text are green, if it's off, they are red).
- Refresh statistical values updates stats displayed above.
- Settings use this button to open <u>advanced Anti-Spam settings</u>.



## 6.3. Anti-Spam Settings

## 6.3.1. Settings

<b>AVG</b> . Email Server Edition	Advanced Settings	×
Appearance       ▲         Sounds       Temporarily Disable AVG Protection         □ Computer Protection       □         □ Scans       □         □ Schedules       □         □ Update       Exceptions         Virus Vault       AVG Self Protection         Privacy Preferences       Ignore Error Status         □ Server components       □         □ Anti-Spam Server for MS Exct       Settings         Performance       Whitelist         Blacklist       □         □ Expert Settings       □	Anti-Spam Settings  Turn on Anti-Spam protection Mark message as spam if the score is greater or equal to: More Aggressive Modify subject for messages marked as spam [SPAM]	90 T
Default	🚱 OK Cancel	🖗 Apply

In this dialog you can check the *Turn on Anti-Spam protection* checkbox to allow/forbid the anti-spam scanning of email communication.

In this dialog you can also select more or less aggressive scoring measures. The **Anti-Spam** filter assigns each message a score (*i.e. how similar the message content is to SPAM*) based on several dynamic scanning techniques. You can adjust the **Mark message as spam if the score is greater or equal to** setting by either typing the value (*50 to 90*) or by moving the slider left or right.

Here is a general review of the scoring threshold:

- Value 90 Most incoming email messages will be delivered normally (without being marked as <u>spam</u>). The most easily identified <u>spam</u> will be filtered out, but a significant amount of <u>spam</u> may still be allowed through.
- Value 80-89 Email messages likely to be <u>spam</u> will be filtered out. Some non-spam messages may be incorrectly filtered as well.
- **Value 60-79** Considered as a quite aggressive configuration. Email messages that are possibly <u>spam</u> will be filtered out. Non-spam messages are likely to be caught as well.
- **Value 50-59** Very aggressive configuration. Non-spam email messages are as likely to be caught as real <u>spam</u> messages. This threshold range is not recommended for normal use.

You can further define how the detected spam email messages should be treated:



- Modify subject for messages marked as spam tick this check box if you would like all messages detected as <u>spam</u> to be marked with a specific word or character in the Email subject field; the desired text can be typed in the activated text field.
- Ask before reporting wrong detection provided that during the installation process you agreed to participate in the Product Improvement Programme this programme helps us to collect up-to-date information on the latest threats from all participants worldwide, and in return we can improve protection for everyone i.e. you allowed reporting of detected threats to AVG. The reporting is taken care of automatically. However, you may mark this check box to confirm you want to be asked before any detected spam gets reported to AVG to make sure the message should really be classified as spam.

## 6.3.2. Performance



The *Engine performance settings* dialog (*linked to via the Performance item of the left navigation*) offers the *Anti-Spam* component performance settings. Move the slider left or right to change the level of scanning performance ranging between *Low memory* / *High performance* modes.

- **Low memory** during the scanning process to identify <u>spam</u>, no rules will be used. Only training data will be used for identification. This mode is not recommended for common use, unless the computer hardware is really poor.
- **High performance** this mode will consume large amount of memory. During the scanning process to identify <u>spam</u>, the following features will be used: rules and <u>spam</u> database cache, basic and advanced rules, spammer IP addresses and spammer databases.

The *Enable on-line checking* item is on by default. It results in more precise <u>spam</u> detection via communication with the <u>Mailshell</u> servers, i.e. the scanned data will be compared with <u>Mailshell</u> databases online.

Generally it is recommended to keep the default settings and only change them if you have a valid reason to do so. Any changes to this configuration should only be done by expert users!



## 6.3.3. Whitelist

The *Whitelist* item opens a dialog with a global list of approved sender email addresses and domain names whose messages will never be marked as <u>spam</u>.

<b>AVG</b> . Email Server Edition	Advanced Settings	<b>X</b>
Appearance Sounds Temporarily Disable AVG Protection Scans Schedules Update Exceptions Virus Vault AVG Self Protection Privacy Preferences Ignore Error Status Server components Anti-Spam Server for MS Exct Settings Performance Whitelist Blacklist Expert Settings Email Scanner for MS Exchance Email Scanner for MS Exchance Email Scanner for MS Exchance Termail Scanner for MS Exchance Settings	Approved Email Senders List          Approved Email Senders List         Email Senders List         Edit         Export	
⑦ Default	😌 OK Cancel 🕲 Apply	

In the editing interface you can compile a list of senders that you are sure will never send you unwanted messages (<u>spam</u>). You can also compile a list of full domain names (e.g. *avg.com*), that you know do not generate spam messages.

Once you have such a list of senders and/or domain names prepared, you can enter them by either of the following methods: by direct entry of each email address or by importing the whole list of addresses at once. The following control buttons are available:

- **Edit** press this button to open a dialog, where you can manually enter a list of addresses (you can also use *copy and paste*). Insert one item (sender, domain name) per line.
- **Import** you can import your existing email addresses by selecting this button. The input file can be a text file (in plain text format, and the content must contain only one item address, domain name per line), WAB file or the import can be done from Windows Address Book or Microsoft Office Outlook.
- **Export** if you decide to export the records for some purpose, you can do so by pressing this button. All records will be saved to a plain text file.



## 6.3.4. Blacklist

The **Blacklist** item opens a dialog with a global list of blocked sender email addresses and domain names whose messages will always be marked as <u>spam</u>.

<b>AVG</b> . Email Server Edition	Advanced Settings
Appearance 🔶 Sounds	Blocked Email Senders List
Temporarily Disable AVG Protection	Blocked Email Senders List
Computer Protection      Scans	
🕀 Update	
Exceptions	
Virus Vault	
Privacy Preferences	
Ignore Error Status	
Server components	
Anti-Spam Server for MS Exch	
Settings	
Whitelist	
Blacklist	
Expert Settings     ■	
Email Scanner for MS Exchance     Email Scanner for MS Exchance	Edit Export Import
⑦ Default	🚱 ОК Cancel 🛞 Арріу

In the editing interface you can compile a list of senders that you expect to send you unwanted messages (<u>spam</u>). You can also compile a list of full domain names (e.g. *spammingcompany.com*), that you expect or receive spam messages from. All email from the listed addresses/domains will be identified as spam.

Once you have such a list of senders and/or domain names prepared, you can enter them by either of the following methods: by direct entry of each email address or by importing the whole list of addresses at once. The following control buttons are available:

- **Edit** press this button to open a dialog, where you can manually enter a list of addresses (you can also use *copy and paste*). Insert one item (sender, domain name) per line.
- *Import* you can import your existing email addresses by selecting this button. The input file can be a text file (in plain text format, and the content must contain only one item address, domain name per line), WAB file or the import can be done from Windows Address Book or Microsoft Office Outlook.
- **Export** if you decide to export the records for some purpose, you can do so by pressing this button. All records will be saved to a plain text file.

## 6.3.5. Expert Settings

This branch contains extensive setting options for the Anti-Spam component. These settings are intended exclusively for experienced users, typically network administrators who need to configure the antispam protection in full detail for the best protection of mail servers. For this reason, there is no extra help available for the individual dialogs; however, there is a brief description of each respective option directly in the user interface.

We strongly recommend not changing any settings unless you are fully familiar with the advanced settings for



Spamcatcher (MailShell Inc.). Any inappropriate changes may result in bad performance or incorrect component functionality.

If you still believe you need to change the Anti-Spam configuration at the very advanced level, please follow the instructions provided directly in the user interface. Generally, in each dialog you will find one single specific feature that you can edit - its description is always included in the dialog itself:

- *Filtering* language list, country list, approved IPs, blocked IPs, blocked countries, blocked charsets, spoofed senders
- RBL RBL servers, multihit, threshold, timeout, maximum IPs
- Internet connection timeout, proxy server, proxy authentication



## 7. FAQ and Technical Support

Should you have any problems with your AVG, either business or technical, please refer to the *FAQ* section of the AVG website at http://www.avg.com.

If you do not succeed in finding help this way, contact the technical support department by email. Please use the contact form accessible from the system menu via *Help / Get help online*.

